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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/977,883; Filed: October 11, 2001
For: **Method and Apparatus for Indirect Catalytic Combustor Preheating**
Inventors: Hamrin *et al.*
Our Ref: 2066.0010006

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(1);
3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$475.00 for a three (3) month Extension of Time; and
4. One Return Postcard.

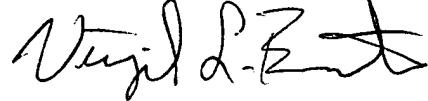
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Respectfully submitted,

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	09/977,883
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385			Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170			Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265			Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385			Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80			Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	- 20 **=	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	- 3 **=			
Multiple Dependent				

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1202	18	2202	9			Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43			Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43			** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9			** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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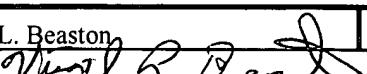
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from September 4, 2003 to December 4, 2003 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$475.00 for a three month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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